



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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## Corn Harvest Begins

Data tables reflect the week ending: **August 7, 2011**

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Dough	91	78	91	91
Corn Dented	66	40	82	69
Corn Mature	16	4	31	31
Corn Harvested	2	N/A	0	2
Cotton Squaring	81	71	91	94
Cotton Setting Bolls	59	51	72	69
Peanuts Pegged	64	55	68	64
Soybeans Blooming	77	63	81	79
Soybeans Setting Pods	36	22	57	50

N/A – Not Applicable

### CROP / LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	11	14	31	40	4
Cotton	12	17	28	37	6
Peanuts	7	19	36	32	6
Soybeans	2	8	29	59	2
Livestock	3	6	30	56	5
Pasture & Range	4	18	31	41	6

### TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	4.8	7	24	67	2
District 20	5.2	0	33	66	1
District 30	6.0	0	19	81	0
District 40	6.1	7	32	59	2
District 50	6.1	20	36	43	1
District 60	6.0	25	24	47	4
State: Current Week	5.7	11	28	59	2
State: Previous	5.9	15	30	53	2

### EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

**General:** Shane Seay, Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Executive Director (CED), said storms swept through Limestone County causing damage from straight line winds. Tim Malone, FSA CED, said Marion and Winston Counties received some rain at the end of last week. Jimmy Smitherman, Alabama

Cooperative Extension System (ACES) County Executive Coordinator (CEC), said the recent rains were helpful in Montgomery County. Susan McDonald, FSA CED, said most of the rainfall has been scattered throughout Morgan County. The east end of Morgan County received 5.50 inches of rain for the month of June, and 5.25 inches in July, while the west end of the county only received a half an inch of rainfall in June and 4.50 inches in July. Don Moore, Director of the Alabama Experiment Station in Prattville, reported .2 inches of rain received at the service center. Karen McDonald, FSA CED, said Monroe County received some much needed rain in the past couple of weeks. Donald Mann, FSA CED, said most of Jackson County received rain, but the amounts varied from a couple of tenths to one inch. Carol Gay, FSA CED said scattered rain showers were received in Clay and Randolph Counties. The 100° F heat soaked up the moisture quickly, causing areas of the county to remain dry, said Gay. Brenda Glover, ACES Regional Extension Agent (REA), stated the west half of District 40 is still in need of rain. Bobby Beasley, FSA CED, said it remains dry, but with a few more good rain showers, Henry County could see a turnaround for producers.

**Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans:** Seay and Malone said the rain received in Limestone, Marion, and Winston Counties will help improve the soybeans planted behind the wheat. Cotton threw off some bolls as it was stressed by the 100° F temperatures and the extreme heat index, said Malone. Moore said, cotton pest numbers have been very low at this time. Susan McDonald said, corn and soybeans have improved due to the recent rains. Mann said crops are looking good for the most part. Cotton and soybeans will need to continue to receive adequate rainfall, said Mann. Corn maturity has been reached, and Jackson County is looking at a good crop with overall yields ranging from 90-150 bushels per acre, said Mann. Due to the drought and lack of moisture at the time of planting, Monroe County's status on the cotton crop will have to be determined later on in the fall, said Karen McDonald. Karen McDonald said they are hoping for a late frost in order for Monroe County's cotton crop to reach full maturity. James D. Jones Jr., ACES CEC, said peanuts and cotton are making progress in Henry County.

**Pasture/Hay/Livestock:** Say, Malone, and Susan McDonald said pastures are greening up after the rain in Limestone, Marion, Morgan, and Winston Counties. Producers have already cut hay twice, and are expecting to get a third cutting of hay this year in Morgan County, said Susan McDonald. Susan McDonald also said Bermuda could bring in five cuttings through the fall. Jack Tatum, Alabama ACES REA, said a lot of hay was put up this past week in the central part of the state. More rain is needed for the final hay cutting, as some places are still dry, said Tatum. Karen McDonald said pastures are looking better and so are the crops. Donna Senn, FSA CED, said most producers have only had one to two cuttings of hay in Barbour County. Producers are cutting hay and pastures are doing very well in Henry County; however, armyworms are being reported across the area, said Jones.

**Southeast Regional Climate Center**  
**Values for Sunday, August 1, 2011, to Saturday, August 7, 2011**  
**(7 days)**

<http://www.sercc.com/perspectivesmap>

Name	City	State	Average Mean Temperature Value (°F)	Total Precipitation Value (in.)
Alexander City	Alexander City	AL	84.1	0.57
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	83.2	0.25
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	84.1	0.37
Centreville 6 Sw	Centreville	AL	82.0	0.35
Coden	Coden	AL	83.6	0.94
Enterprise 4 W	Enterprise	AL	83.9	0.83
Evergreen	Evergreen	AL	84.4	0.56
Geneva #2	Geneva	AL	84.5	1.40
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	83.1	1.85
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	85.9	3.68
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	86.1	0.04
Moulton 2	Moulton	AL	81.2	2.56
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	84.0	4.70
Pinson	Pinson	AL	82.8	0.27
Sylacauga 4 Ne	Sylacauga	AL	83.1	0.37

**U.S. Drought Monitor, August 2, 2011**

**National Weather Service**

<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)						
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	23.41	76.59	57.81	37.72	5.78	0.00
Last Week (07/26/2011 map)	32.17	67.83	45.51	26.14	9.65	0.00
3 Months Ago (05/03/2011 map)	52.58	47.42	38.01	17.11	1.39	0.00
Start of Calendar Year (12/28/2010 map)	17.47	82.53	55.26	29.34	1.82	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/28/2010 map)	3.64	96.36	66.34	25.17	4.40	0.00
One Year Ago (07/27/2010 map)	40.77	59.23	5.51	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional

